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SUBJ: BURMA - HELICOPTERS FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL

REF: MEXICO 3823

1. RECOMMEND C-5A NOT RPT NOT BE USED FOR SHIPMENT OF HELICOPTERS. LOADED C-5A WOULD BE WELL IN EXCESS OF MINGALADON AIRPORT'S 340,000 POUND WEIGHT-BEARING CAPACITY AND AIRPORT PARKING AND OFFLOADING SPACE ALSO LIMITED. ALTHOUGH CHANCES ARE THAT A C-5A WOULD BE ABLE TO LAND AND TAKE OFF AGAIN, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO RISK DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT OR RUNWAY FOR DELIVERY OF HELICOPTERS. MOREOVER, PRESENCE AT MINGALADON OF LARGEST AIRCRAFT EVER TO LAND THERE WOULD BE UNNECESSARILY CONSPICUOUS AND DRAW ATTENTION TO DELIVERY OF FIRST HELICOPTERS, WITH NO GAIN TO US AND POSSIBLE ANNOYANCE TO GUB.

2. WE WOULD PREFER DELIVERY OF FIRST TWO HELICOPTERS WHEN AVAILABLE, AS PREVIOUSLY PLANNED, AND SUGGEST USE OF C-141 AIRCRAFT. HOWEVER, IF C-141 CAN CARRY THREE HELICOPTERS PLUS SPARES AND EQUIPMENT, SHIPMENT OF FIRST THREE ON OR ABOUT JUNE 1 WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

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